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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a watching system comprising “a watching camera that takes pictures of a field to output image data...a controller that controls the disk recorder to record the image data into the disk memory”, classified in class 386, subclass 125.
 - II. Claims 6-11, and 12-21, drawn to a watching system including the feature of “a mobile terminal capable of a first wireless communication on the public call and a second wireless communication on the internal call...a remote communication equipment....”, classified in class 348, subclass 14.01.
 - III. Claims 22-27 and 28-34, drawn to a watching system including the feature of “a watching camera...a provider that provides a management information against a danger...”, classified in class 348, subclass 143.
2. The inventions as grouped above are distinct inventions not useable together. The three groups of inventions are useable apart from each other and have unique specific structures not required of the other, and can therefore be separately useable as distinct inventions. For example the watching system as recited in claim 1 and group I does not require the features of “a mobile terminal capable of a first wireless communication on the public call and a second wireless communication on the internal call...a remote communication equipment capable of transmitting the image data to the mobile terminal through one of the first and second wireless

communications” as cited in claim 6 of group II, and “a monitor that displays conventional broadcast program, a provider that provides a management information against danger; and a controller that controls the monitor to display the image data and the management information” as cited in claim 22 of group III.

Moreover the watching system as recited in claims 6 and 12 of group II does not require the features of “a disk recorder that records conventional broadcast program data in a disk memory and a controller that controls the disk recorder to record the image data into the disk memory” as recited in claim 1 of group I, and “a monitor that displays conventional broadcast program, a provider that provides a management information against danger; and a controller that controls the monitor to display the image data and the management information” as cited in claim 22 of group III.

Furthermore the watching system as recited in claims 22 and 28 of group III does not require the features of “a disk recorder that records conventional broadcast program data in a disk memory and a controller that controls the disk recorder to record the image data into the disk memory” as claimed in claim 1 of group I above, and “a mobile terminal capable of a first wireless communication on the public call and a second wireless communication on the internal call...a remote communication equipment capable of transmitting the image data to the mobile terminal through one of the first and second wireless communications” as cited in claims 6 and 12 of group II above.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

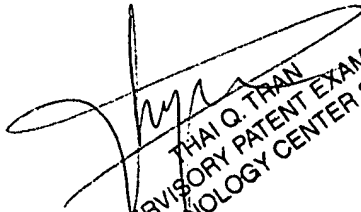
5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHIBRU HELEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on 571 272 7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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